

simplify : third

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (P. 698)

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Message 3

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33

WE EXIST FOR PEOPLE NOT HERE • PRAY • THIS SERIES...

Review

- FIRST PRIORITY: God Himself.
- SECOND PRIORITY: God's **family**.

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

CROSS DIAGRAM / VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL / JESUS GIVES A NEW COMMAND

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

TWO WAYS IT'S NEW // ~~ HE IS THE NEW LAW ~~ // FOLLOWING HIM AS A DISCIPLE

the third priority

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20 (p. 698)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus' final desire is that his disciples

would **make disciples**.

MAKING DISCIPLES • BEING DISCIPLES • BEING MADE INTO DISCIPLES

Priority 3: I must **be a disciple**.

What is a disciple?

A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO HAS BEEN BAPTIZED INTO THE
FAMILY OF GOD AND WHO HAS BEEN TAUGHT TO OBEY JESUS.

Disciples have been baptized...

JEWISH BAPTISM • JOHN'S BAPTISM • TRINITARIAN BAPTISM

BAPTISM IS IMMERSION IN WATER AS A SYMBOL OF REPENTANCE, SURRENDER, AND UNITY.

AT THE CORE OF ALL GROWTH IS SURRENDER

IL: AMANDA'S JOURNEY FROM 2009 & DEBIT CARDS

~~GROWTH: SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WAY EVEN IF STRANGE OR UNCOMFORTABLE (BAPTISM)~~

Disciples have been taught to obey Jesus

ILL: GROWING UP, I HAD A BIG OBEDIENCE PROBLEM // TALKING IN CLASS // LIGHTBULB MOMENT
Obedience is the result of:

● a **transformed mind**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

● a **cleansed heart**

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

John 3:3

● a **disciplined** life

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:14

● an **abiding / enduring** spirit

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-8

MY SISTER WITH MY MOM'S COACHING / PERRY STRAW BIZ MTG. / JESUS LETS THEM KILL HIM

preparing for commitment sunday

SALVATION? BAPTISM? STARTING POINT? THE ELEMENTS

The Earth Commitment

God is creating me. I started as dust, but I'm becoming like Jesus. I rejoice in trials and hardships because Christ suffered for me, and I am a living sacrifice transformed by the truths of God.

Rom 8:29 :: Rom 12:1-2 :: Gen 1:27, 2:7 :: 2 Cor 4:7-10

Specifically, I will pursue opportunities for spiritual growth. I will root out sin in my life through regular self-examination and confession of sin both to God and to accountability partners, and in all areas of uncertainty, I will submit first to the clear teaching of the Bible, then to the leaders God has placed over me, and finally, after prayer, to my own conscience.

INVITE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE TO TALK WITH ME ABOUT BAPTISM, MEMBERSHIP, FOLLOWING JESUS.